

## House Resolution No. 302

**Whereas**, Clara Hill, a cherished resident of Dexter, Missouri, was born to Edgar and Adie Chasteen in Dexter on February 5, 1901; and

**Whereas**, following the death of their parents, Clara Chasteen and her five siblings were raised by their grandparents, Burton and Martha Chasteen, who lived four miles from Lick Creek School, a one-room country school, which Clara and her sister attended on alternate years because of the tough times; and

**Whereas**, after completing school, young Clara moved to Keefer, Oklahoma, with an aunt and uncle and worked as a waitress in a restaurant for four years before returning to her grandfather's home in Missouri in 1921; and

**Whereas**, in 1922, Clara Chasteen married Ben Hill, with whom she owned and operated Hill's General Store four miles west of Aid for thirty years until their retirement in 1967; and

**Whereas**, after the passing of her husband in 1972, Clara Hill decided to move to a Dexter Housing Authority apartment near the Community Building, where the Dexter Nutrition Center would eventually open its doors for the first time and Clara would volunteer until the respectful age of 96; and

**Whereas**, a member of Corinth General Baptist Church, Clara Hill has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children, Bessie Bridges, William Hill, and Josephine Lee; six grandchildren, Donna Bailey, Mike Bridges, Mickey Tuley, Pam Treat, Kent Bridges, and Bruce Bridges; six great-grandchildren, Scott Bailey, Amy Bailey, Jennifer Rowland, Joe Bridges, Megan Bridges, and Ross Bridges; and two great-great-grandchildren, Emma Bailey and Betsy Bailey, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into her life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Clara Hill upon the awe-inspiring occasion of her One Hundred Second Birthday and in wishing her ample opportunity to continue to enjoy such favorite hobbies as playing Bingo and meeting new people; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Clara Hill, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rob Mayer  
District No. 159

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 302, adopted February 6, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker